### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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			<u>ORDER</u>	
A	AND NOW, this	_day of	, 2005, upon consideration	of the argument
submitte	d by the parties in the	above-caption	oned matters, it is ORDERED the	at plaintiffs' Motions
to Rema	nd are DENIED.			
			BY THE COURT:	
			Harvey Bartle III	

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#### WYETH'S NOTICE OF PENDING REMAND MOTIONS

COMES NOW Defendant Wyeth and, pursuant to PTO 3370, files this notice of pending motions to remand. Plaintiffs, all represented by the firm of O'Quinn, Laminack & Pirtle, filed motions for remand in the above-captioned cases in Louisiana federal district courts, but did not renew the motions in this Court following transfer. Wyeth requests that this Court now rule on these remand motions.

## A. Wyeth's Briefs in Opposition to Remand, Filed in the Transferor Courts, Establish that all Non-Diverse Defendants Have Been Fraudulently Joined.

Wyeth submits these cases in a consolidated notice of pending motions because they present identical issues regarding the fraudulent joinder of phentermine manufacturers, doctors and a Wyeth sales representative, Vickie Kilcline ("Kilcline"). Indeed, each of these cases names some combination of these defendants, and plaintiffs have submitted essentially identical arguments in support of their joinder of each. Wyeth will rely generally upon its briefs submitted in opposition to remand in the transferor courts ("Oppositions"), which are attached as Exhibit A. Wyeth's Oppositions explain why the non-diverse defendants in each case have

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Some of the cases subject to this consolidated notice are multi-plaintiff cases where severance has recently been ordered by this Court. However, severed and amended complaints have not yet been filed, therefore case numbers have not been assigned to those individual plaintiffs. Exhibit B lists the individual plaintiffs in the multi-plaintiff cases and shows the recent severance orders.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For the Court's reference, Exhibit B identifies the date of filing and non-diverse defendants named in each case.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Exhibit A includes Wyeth's notice of removal, plaintiffs' motion to remand, Wyeth's opposition to remand, and any subsequent briefing on remand for each case subject to this Notice of Pending Remand Motions ("Notice"). Exhibit A is organized alphabetically by case name. The Exhibit List filed with this Notice provides an index of case names and removal pleadings in each case.

been fraudulently joined, and thus why remand must be denied.<sup>4</sup>

#### New Authority Supports Wyeth's Arguments in Opposition to Remand. B.

This Court has addressed the issues raised in plaintiffs' remand motions on dozens of occasions. Indeed, this Court has found each category of non-diverse defendant named in these cases to have been fraudulently joined in numerous cases from numerous jurisdictions.<sup>5</sup> In

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Wyeth also argued, in some of the cases subject to this Notice, that removal was proper under the All Writs Act. However, Wyeth no longer relies on this argument, and now relies solely on the fraudulent joinder of non-diverse defendants as its basis for removal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See, e.g., Rubin v. Am. Home Prods. Corp., No. 03-20370, PTO 4143 (E.D. Pa. Nov. 17, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of doctor); Bales v. Wyeth, No. 04-20899, PTO 4054 (E.D. Pa. Oct. 22, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of doctor); Abbott v. Wyeth, No. 04-20977, PTO 4036 (E.D. Pa. Oct. 19, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of doctors and sales representatives); Green v. Wyeth, No. 04-20866, PTO 4017 (E.D. Pa. Oct. 6, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of doctors); Alexander v. Wyeth, No. 04-21035, PTO 3991 (E.D. Pa. Sept. 27, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of doctors); Cain v. Wyeth, No. 04-20194, PTO 3960 (E.D. Pa. Sept. 22, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of doctors and sales representatives); Blake v. Wyeth, PTO 3959 (E.D. Pa. Sept. 22, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of doctors, sales representative and phentermine defendants); Kizer v. Wyeth, No. 04-23745, PTO 3954 (E.D. Pa. Sept. 17, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of doctors); Davis v. Wyeth, No. 04-20233, PTO 3938 (E.D. Pa. Sept. 15, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of doctor and sales representatives); Allen v. Wyeth, No. 04-20171, PTO 3924 (E.D. Pa. Sept. 10, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of doctors and sales representatives); Rutowski v. Wyeth, No. 04-20032, PTO 3889 (E.D. Pa. Aug. 31, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of doctor and sales representatives); Lara v. Wyeth, No. 04-21381, PTO 3871 (E.D. Pa. Aug. 24, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of doctor); Briscoe v. Wyeth, No. 04-25833, PTO 3870 (E.D. Pa. Aug. 24, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of doctor); Ivy v. Wyeth, No. 03-20511, PTO 3857 (E.D. Pa. Aug. 12, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of doctors); Purvis v. Wyeth, No. 03-20513, PTO 3818 (E.D. Pa. Aug. 9, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of doctors); Anderson v. American Home Prods., Corp., No. 01-20182, PTO 2567 (E.D. Pa. Aug. 13, 2002) (finding fraudulent joinder of phentermine defendants because "plaintiffs have no real intention in good faith to seek a judgment against the phentermine defendants"); Van hook v. Wyeth, et al., No. 03-20373, PTO 3666 (E.D.Pa. June 29, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of phentermine defendants); Washington, et al., v. American Home Prods., Corp., No. 03-20233, PTO 3729 (E.D.Pa. July 15, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of phentermine defendants); Bolton, et al., v. American Home Prods., Corp., No. 03-20586, PTO 3726 (E.D.Pa. July 13, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of phentermine defendants); Taylor, et al., v. Wyeth, et al., No. 03-20242, PTO 3703 (E.D.Pa. July 6, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of phentermine defendants); Knight, et al., v. Wyeth, et al., No. 03-20551, PTO 3679 (E.D.Pa. July 1, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of phentermine defendants); Montgomery v. Wyeth, No. 04-22930, PTO 4141 (E.D. Pa. Nov. 15, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of sales representatives), Achorn v. Wyeth, No. 04-23800, PTO 4115 (E.D. Pa. Nov. 8, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of sales representatives); Archer v. Wyeth, No. 04-23798, PTO 4113 (E.D. Pa. Nov. 8, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of sales representatives); Goodlette v. Wyeth, No. 04-23789, PTO 4112 (E.D. Pa. Nov. 8, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of sales representatives); DeBerard v. Wyeth, No. 04-20786, PTO 4032 (E.D. Pa. Oct. 18, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of sales representatives); Castle v. Wyeth, No. 03-20611, PTO 3993 (E.D. Pa. Sept. 27, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of sales representatives); Shepard v. Wyeth, NO. 03-20616, PTO 3942 (E.D. Pa. Sept. 16, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of sales representative); Bode v. Wyeth, No. 04-20200, Pretrial Order 3936 (E.D. Pa. Sept. 14, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of sales representatives); Lewis v. Wyeth, No. 04-

addition to these cases generally addressing the issues presented here, this Court has on several occasions ruled that the massive publicity accompanying the removal of the diet drugs from the market and subsequent events placed all diet drug users on inquiry notice of their claims. These rulings confirm that, as Wyeth explained in its Oppositions, plaintiffs' claims against physicians and phentermine manufacturers are time-barred. Similarly, the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana has found Wyeth sales employees fraudulently joined on three occasions, confirming that plaintiffs have stated no viable claim against Kilcline under Louisiana law.

1. This Court's orders confirm that, as Wyeth explained in its Oppositions, plaintiffs' claims against physicians and phentermine manufacturers are time-barred.

As Wyeth explained in its Oppositions, plaintiffs' claims against physicians and phentermine manufacturers fail because, *inter alia*, they are barred by Louisiana's one-year prescriptive period. Since Wyeth filed its Oppositions, this Court has ruled on numerous occasions that all diet drug users were placed on inquiry notice of their potential claims by the massive publicity surrounding the diet drug withdrawal and subsequent events.

According to Louisiana statute, all tort claims are subject to a one-year prescriptive period, which runs from "the day injury or damage is sustained." La. Civ. Code Art. 3492. The earliest any of the plaintiffs subject to this Notice filed suit was November of 2001, see Exhibit B, more than four years after the diet drugs were withdrawn from the market in September of 1997. See French v. Wyeth, 03-20353, PTO 3281 at 2 (E.D. Pa. Feb. 18, 2004). Thus, all of

20183, PTO 3925 (E.D. Pa. Sept. 10, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of sales representatives); Bankston v. Wyeth, No. 03-20765, PTO 3856 (E.D. Pa. Aug. 12, 2004) (fraudulent joinder of sales representatives).

these suits were filed more than four years after the last date on which plaintiffs could have sustained injury, well outside the one-year prescriptive period. Though plaintiffs' counsel have asserted that some plaintiffs' claims are saved by the discovery rule because they discovered their injuries within a year before filing their actions, *see*, *e.g.*, Exhibit A-13-c, Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion to Remand in *Daigle* at 9-11, Louisiana law required plaintiffs to file their claims within a year of when they knew or *should have known* of their claims. *See*, *e.g.*, Exhibit A-13-d Wyeth's Opposition to Remand in *Daigle* at 18 (citing *Foraker v. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University*, 734 So.2d 63, 66 (La. App. 2d Cir. 1999)). As Wyeth explained in detail in its Oppositions, massive publicity accompanied the diet drugs' removal from the market and subsequent events, placing all diet drug users on inquiry notice of their claims. *See*, *e.g.*, *id.* at 18-21, & Exhibit J thereto (declaration detailing massive publicity in national and Louisiana media).

Since Wyeth filed its Oppositions, this Court, citing much of the same publicity detailed in Wyeth's Oppositions, has repeatedly held that the publicity surrounding the withdrawal of the diet drugs as well as the publicity associated with the Class Notice was more than sufficient to place diet drug plaintiffs on inquiry notice of their potential claims:

- "In light of the massive publicity concerning the health risks associated with the use of diet drugs [and] the comprehensive notice program associated with the settlement, . . . we find that plaintiffs, through the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have discovered their alleged injuries at the very latest by the end of March, 2000." French v. Wyeth, PTO 3281 at 13.
- "In light of the massive publicity concerning the health risks associated with the use of Pondimin, we find that plaintiff was on inquiry notice and should have discovered [her doctor's] alleged fraud at the very latest by early Spring, 2000." Ferrell v. Wyeth, 03-20094, PTO 2996 at 17 (E.D. Pa. Sep. 5, 2003).
- "[T]here was massive publicity from 1997 through the Spring of 2000 concerning Wyeth's diet drugs and their connection to valvular heart disease. Certainly plaintiff should have known about her injury no later than the Spring of 2000." *Wilson v. Wyeth*, 03-20124, PTO 3000 at 2 (E.D. Pa. Sep. 8, 2003).

Thus, under this Court's orders, plaintiffs' claims against phenetermine manufacturers and physicians<sup>6</sup> are not saved by the discovery rule because plaintiffs were on inquiry notice of their claims more than a year before filing their actions.

2. The Western District of Louisiana's and this Court's rulings confirm that plaintiffs' claims against Kilcline fail as a matter of law.

As Wyeth explained in its Oppositions, plaintiffs' claims against Kilcline fail because plaintiffs have stated no viable claim for individual liability against her. The United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana has confirmed this in three separate orders finding Wyeth sales employees fraudulently joined. This Court has also found Wyeth sales representatives fraudulently joined for similar reasons.

Ms. Kilcline has submitted a sworn declaration establishing that: (1) she had no involvement of any kind with Pondimin; (2) her only involvement with Redux was her distribution of FDA-approved warnings provided to her by Wyeth--she had no involvement in or responsibility for the preparation of those warnings; and (3) she had no knowledge of any association between diet drugs and valvular heart disease while she was promoting Redux. *See* Exhibit C, Vickie Kilcline Affidavit. These facts establish that Ms. Kilcline was fraudulently joined because, under Louisiana law, an employee is individually liable for damages caused in the performance of his or her employment only in limited circumstances. Under the four-part

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> In Anderson v. American Home Products, No. 01-20182, PTO 2567 (E.D. Pa. Aug. 13, 2002), this Court did find that two doctors were not fraudulently joined defendants in the individual actions brought by plaintiffs who the doctors actually treated. In Anderson, this Court did not, however, address whether the doctors were fraudulently joined because the claims against them were time-barred under Louisiana law. In later decisions, where this Court addressed the statute of limitations issue, it has found doctor defendants fraudulently joined because the claims against the doctors were time-barred by state law. See, e.g., Rubin v. Am. Home Prods. Corp., PTO 4143 (fraudulent joinder of doctor based on Florida's two-year statute of limitations for medical malpractice); Ivy v. Wyeth, PTO 3857 (fraudulent joinder of doctors based on Texas' two-year statute of limitations); Purvis v. Wyeth, PTO 3818 (fraudulent joinder of doctors based on Mississippi's two-year statute of limitations for tort claims against health care providers).

test adopted by the Louisiana Supreme Court in Canter v. Koehring Co., 283 So.2d 716 (La. 1973), such liability requires that the "employee has breached this duty through personal (as contrasted with technical or vicarious) fault." Id.; see also Harrod v. Zenon, Civ. Action No. 03-1088, 2003 WL 21748687, at \*2 (E.D. La. July 25, 2003) ("[u]nder Louisiana law, individual liability of an employee for a work-related function can only exist if there was a breach of a personal duty of care to another") (emphasis in original). Recognizing that pharmaceutical sales representatives are not responsible for the content of warnings they provide, the Louisiana Court of Appeals has applied the Canter test to reject claims against drug company sales representatives in Catalanotto Wallace v. Upjohn Co., 535 So.2d 1110 (La. App. 1st Cir. 1988); accord Miller v. Upjohn Co., 465 So.2d 42, 47 (La. App. 1st Cir. 1985). The Court held that the sales representatives were not personally liable under Canter because they had not breached their limited duty to plaintiffs, which was "only . . . to deliver and explain" the warnings provided by the drug company. Id. at 1117.

The United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana has, on three occasions, found Wyeth sales representatives fraudulently joined because their affidavits established that they had not breached this limited duty. *See* Exhibit D, *Westbrook v. Wyeth*, Docket No. 03-1918, Report and Recommendation (W.D. La. Dec. 22, 2003) & *Westbrook v. Wyeth*, Docket No. 03-1918, Judgment (W.D. La. Feb. 2, 2004) (adopting Magistrate's Report and Recommendation and denying remand); Exhibit E, *Lee v. Wyeth*, Civ. Action No. 04-1103, Hearing Transcript at 37 (W.D. La. July 15, 2004); Exhibit F, *Richard v. Wyeth*, Docket No. 2:04 CV 1582 (W.D. La. Nov. 16, 2004).

In Westbrook, Judge Minaldi found Wyeth sales representatives fraudulently joined because, inter alia, "the only duty owed by detailmen is to deliver and explain the new package

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inserts to the physicians in their area." Exhibit C, *Westbrook* Report and Recommendation at n. 3 (citations omitted). Similarly, Judge Melancon concluded, in *Lee*, that "under the duty as found by Judge Minaldi [in *Westbrook*] . . . the duty and obligation of the pharmaceutical sales representative to deliver and explain the package inserts to the physicians and [sic] their territory, that there's no reasonable possible recovery against the sales representative." Exhibit D, *Lee* Hearing Transcript at 37. In *Richard*, Judge Minaldi again found sales representatives fraudulently joined because, *inter alia*, "the plaintiff ha[d] submitted no evidence that [could] refute [the sales representatives'] sworn statements that they were unaware of any danger of VHD associated with diet drugs." Exhibit E, *Richard* at 2.

This Court came to a similar conclusion, applying Florida law, in *Bankston v. Wyeth*, No. 03-20765, PTO 3856 (E.D. Pa. Aug. 12, 2004). In *Bankston*, this Court found that sales representatives' affidavits similar to Kilcline's negated any reasonable possibility of liability because "sales representatives do not assume individual liability merely by participating in their employer's purported failure to provide adequate information." *Id.* at 7-8 (citation omitted). The Court found that, although sales representatives might theoretically be liable for knowingly participating in fraudulent conduct, the sales representatives' attested lack of knowledge regarding any association between diet drugs and VHD precluded such liability. *Id.* at 8-9. Similarly, "plaintiffs ha[d] no chance of succeeding on their strict liability claims . . . [because]

sales representatives who served as mere conduits of information cannot be liable for Wyeth's allegedly harmful diet drugs." *Id.* at 9-10 (citation omitted).<sup>7</sup>

Thus, plaintiffs' claims against Kilcline fail because, as the Western District of Louisiana and this Court have previously found, Kilcline's declaration precludes any reasonable possibility of individual liability.

#### CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the reasons herein, as well as the reasons stated in Wyeth's Oppositions, remand should be denied because removal was proper in each of the cases subject to this Notice on the basis of fraudulent joinder.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> It is not clear whether plaintiffs assert strict liability, warranty or redhibition claims against Kilcline in the cases subject to this Notice. However, any such claim would fail for similar reasons. Strict products liability claims under Louisiana law are governed by the Louisiana Products Liability Act ("LPLA"), which applies only to manufacturers. See La. R. S. § 9:2800.52 ("[t]his Chapter establishes the exclusive theories of liability for manufacturers for damage caused by their products") (emphasis added); Jefferson v. Lead Industries Ass'n, 106 F.3d 1245, 1253 (5th Cir. 1997), aff'g and adopting, 930 F. Supp. 241, 247 (E.D. La. 1996) ("[t]he LPLA applies only to manufacturers") (citing Baldwin v. Kikas, 635 So.2d 1324 (La. App. 4 Cir. 1994)). Likewise, "a warranty action does not lie against one who neither sells nor manufactures a product." Jefferson, 106 F.3d at 1253, aff'g and adopting, 930 F. Supp. at 247 (citing Rowell v. Carter Mobile Homes, 500 So.2d 748 (La. 1987)). Finally, "[t]he action for redhibition is between vendor and purchaser and cannot be maintained absent such relationship." Long v. Bruns, 727 So.2d 664, 667 (La. App. 2 Cir. 1999) (citations omitted).

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Tapp, Barbara	A-27	<ul> <li>a. Notice of Removal</li> <li>b. Plaintiffs' Motion to Remand and Incorporated Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion to Remand</li> <li>c. Wyeth's Memorandum in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Remand</li> <li>d. Wyeth's Supplemental Memorandum in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Remand</li> </ul>
Williams, Bobbie L.	A-28	<ul> <li>a. Notice of Removal</li> <li>b. Plaintiffs' Motion to Remand</li> <li>c. Plaintiffs' Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion to Remand</li> <li>d. Wyeth's Memorandum in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Remand</li> <li>e. Wyeth's Supplemental Memorandum in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Remand</li> </ul>
Williams, Catherine	A-29	<ul> <li>a. Notice of Removal</li> <li>b. Plaintiffs' Motion to Remand and</li></ul>
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